

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 5, line 21 as follows:

A first part of the inner layer is formed to at least a height of 0.25 H by supplying synthetic silica powder in a high temperature atmosphere and by melting and vitrifying the powder. Followed by moving upward, downward, or to the right or left, if necessary, a silica powder supply nozzle that has been used for supplying the synthetic silica powder, and then forming, over a height range of at least 0.5 H to 0.8 H, a second part of the inner layer consisting of naturally occurring quartz glass or of naturally occurring quartz glass mixed with synthetic quartz glass, This is achieved by supplying a powder of naturally occurring silica or of naturally **occurring silica mixed with synthetic silica from the supply nozzle.**

On Page 6, line 4, please cancel the entire line.